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1.(C) Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel demarche to Drahomir Stos of the MFA's Asia, Africa and Oceania Division on August 18. Stos confirmed Slovak support for more effective and broader EU sanctions against Burma. However, he expressed skepticism about the likelihood of additional sanctions in the near-term, adding that the Burmese regime was quite facile in adjusting to each new measure. Stos was interested in how the U.S. would implement the JADE Act and appreciated U.S. efforts to ensure that the sanctions would not impede the flow of humanitarian aid in the wake of Nargis. He also added that the GOS was looking for ways to bring greater focus to the situation in Burma, including through its new seat on the UN Human Rights Council.  
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